

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 2-9-2 be amended to read:

2-9-2. The Legislative Research Council shall have an executive board, to be known as the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, which shall consist of fifteen members, as follows: four members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives, to be elected by a majority vote by their respective legislative bodies in party caucus before each regular session of the Legislature held in odd-numbered years, and ex officio the president pro tempore, majority leader, and minority leader of the Senate and the speaker, majority leader, and minority leader of the House of Representatives elected in such regular session. The number of senate and house members on the executive board shall remain constant, and any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the respective legislative bodies in party caucus. If a vacancy occurs in the ex officio position on the board for the president pro tempore, the vacancy on the board shall be filled by the majority party caucus until the Senate elects a new president pro tempore. If a vacancy occurs in the ex officio position on the board for the speaker, the vacancy on the board shall be filled by the speaker pro tempore until the House of Representatives elects a new speaker. No board member, excepting ex officio, may serve more than three successive terms.

Section 2. That § 2-9-3 be amended to read:

2-9-3. The speaker of the House of Representatives is the chair of the executive board and the president pro tempore of the Senate is the vice chair from the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an odd-numbered year to the day prior to the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an even-numbered year, inclusive. The president pro tempore of the Senate is the chair

of the executive board and the speaker of the House of Representatives is the vice chair from the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an even-numbered year to the day prior to the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an odd-numbered year, inclusive. If a vacancy occurs in the position of speaker of the House of Representatives, the speaker pro tempore shall serve as chair or vice chair of the board, as provided by this section, until the House of Representatives elects a new speaker. If a vacancy occurs in the position of president pro tempore, the majority party caucus shall appoint a Senate member of the board to serve as chair or vice chair of the board, as provided by this section, until the Senate elects a new president pro tempore.

Section 3. That § 2-9-5 be amended to read:

2-9-5. The executive board shall meet as often as may be necessary to perform its duties. The board shall meet at least four times each year. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the quorum may act on any matter falling within the scope of the executive board's duties, powers, and authority. The board shall make its own rules and regulations, keep complete minutes of its meetings, and prepare an annual report to be placed on file in the Legislative Research Council Office.

Section 4. That § 2-9-8 be amended to read:

2-9-8. The executive board shall appoint a director of the Legislative Research Council. The director shall employ the members of the Legislative Research Council staff and procure the supplies and equipment as may be necessary to assist the Legislature.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Secretary of State

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